

REMARKS

Claims 7-10 and 23-57 remain pending in this application. Claims 7 and 38 are independent claims.

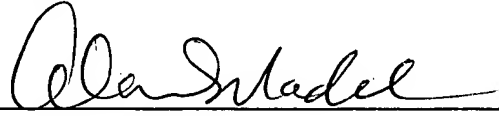
Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for an election of species having the characteristics required at page 2 of the Office Action. It is believed that the election of species required is too restrictive in view of the scope of the invention for which protection is sought in this application. As the Examiner noted in the last paragraph of page 2, all of the claims are generic for one or more of the four types of species for which the Examiner sought election. It is believed that a reasonable search can be conducted without such a restrictive election of species requirement. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election of species requirement is respectfully solicited.

If there are any additional questions or information that the Examiner needs before proceeding with the substantive examination, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone or e-mail.

An early search and allowance of all claims are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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